

CHARTER FOR THE SECTION 904 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN INDIAN COUNTRY TASK FORCE

I. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION

This Charter relates to the Section 904 Violence Against Women in Indian Country Task Force, herein referred to as the "Section 904 Task Force."

II. AUTHORITY

Authority for the Section 904 Task Force is found in section 904(a)(3) of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), Pub. L. No. 109-162 (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg-10 note). The Task Force is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

III. TASK FORCE OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The Section 904 Task Force shall have the following objectives and scope of activities:

(A) To assist the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice and Office on Violence Against Women in the development and implementation of a program of research that addresses Title IX, section 904 of VAWA 2005, which will (1) examine violence against Indian women in Indian country, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and murder and (2) evaluate the effectiveness of Federal, State, tribal, and local responses to these crimes.

(B) To assist in the implementation of research program recommendations to improve the effectiveness of Federal, State, tribal, and local responses to these crimes.

IV. TIMETABLE

The period of time necessary for the Section 904 Task Force to carry out its purpose is at least two years, or until the program of research is completed.

V. REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Section 904 Task Force shall report to the Directors of the Office on Violence Against Women and the National Institute of Justice.

VI. AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING TASK FORCE

The Office on Violence Against Women, in consultation with the National Institute of Justice, will provide all necessary support services for the Section 904 Task Force.

VII. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

The Section 904 Task Force shall have duties that are advisory only and shall carry out the objectives listed in Item III, Task Force Objective and Scope of Activities, and shall report to the Directors of the Office on Violence Against Women and the National Institute of Justice the results of all deliberations, together with any recommendations.

VIII. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS

The estimated annual operating cost for the Section 904 Task Force is \$200,000. It is further estimated that this Task Force will be supported by no more than one (1) full-time employee (FTE).

IX. MEETINGS

The Section 904 Task Force will meet at least twice a year to carry out the duties identified in this Charter and otherwise as required.

X. MEMBERS

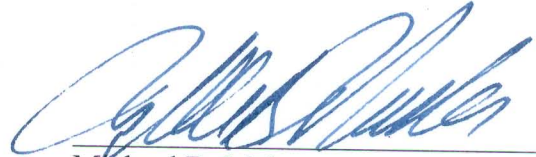
(A) The Office on Violence Against Women will collaborate with the National Institute of Justice in submitting member nominations for the Attorney General's approval.

(B) The Task Force will include representatives from:

- i. national tribal domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations;
- ii. tribal governments; and
- iii. the national tribal organizations.

XI. TERMINATION DATE

This Charter expires two (2) years after the filing date, but is subject to renewal.

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